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Abutilon, in variety Achyranthus, in variety Agathæa Monstrosa, blue Ageratum, Blue Perfection Dwarf, white Alternanthera, red Golden leaved Jewel or Brilliantissima

Alyssum, Little Gem Amomum Cardamomum Antirrhinum (Snapdragon) in variety

in variety
Asparagus, Sprengeri
Begonla, in variety
Bosea Yervamora
Boston Smilax
Brugmansia Suaveolens Bryophyllum Calycinum Buddleya Asiatica Cestrum, Parquii, nightblooming Christmas Cactus

Citrus trifoliata Coleus, in variety
Coleus, in variety
Commelyna Sellowlana
Blue, also Rose
Crape Myrtle, orimson,pink
Crassula cordata, succulent

Portuiaca, large leaved.
Cuphea platycentra
Cyclamen, in variety
Cyperus alternifollus
Daisy Marguerite, white

Fittonia argyroneura
Fuchsia, in variety
Geraniums, Zonaie, single
White, rose, pink, scarlet
and crimson

Double, white, rose, pink, scarlet, crimson

ivy-leaved, white, rose, pink, scarlet, crimson

Scented-leaved in variety

Goldfussia Guava

Habrothamnus elegans Heliotrope, white, blue Hibiscus, in variety Hydraugea Hortensis Impatiens, in variety Ipomea, Grandiflora Ivy, Irishlor Parlor Jacobinia coccinea Justicia sanguinea, Velutina

Jasmine, in variety Lantana, in variety Libonia Penrhosiensis Lopesia rosea, the Mosquito

Plant
Mackaya Bella, red flowers
Madeira Vine, white flowers
Manettia bicolor, vine
Maurandya, mixed
Mese m brianthem um
grandiflorúm, rose
Muchlenbeckla repens

Myosotis semperflorens, Oleander, pink, white Lillian Henderson Opuntia variegata Othonna crassifolia Oxalis, Golden Star

Oxalis, Golden Star
Panicum varlegatum, a
lovely basket grass
Peltaria Alliacea
Peristrophe angustifolia
varlegata; beautiful
Petunia, Double, in varlety
Pilea, Artillery plant
Plumbago Capensis
Capensis alba
Poinclana Gillesi
Rivina humilis
Russelia Formosa, scarlet

Rivina numins
Russelia Formosa, scarlet
Salvia splendens, in variety
Sempervivum, fine mixed
Solanum, Pseudo-capsicum
in variety

Strobilanthes Anisophyllus Dyerianus, metallic red Surinam Cherry, evergreen Tradescantia, green and white

Multicolor, red and plnk Zebrina, green and brown

HARDY PLANTS.

Ægopodium podagraria Anthemis, Kelwayi, in variety Aquilegia, in variety Baisy Marguerite, white Eupatorium serrulatum Riparium, white Ficus repens, a lovely Boltonia glastifolia creeper, attaches to and Centaurea Montana covers walls in the South. Citrus trifoliata Clematis paniculata, in variety

Compass Piant, Silphium Coreopsis Lanceolata Grandifiora Eldorado Dianthus, in variety Dictamnus fraxinella, red White, handsome Digitalis, in variety Eupatorium ageratoides in

variety Eulalia Gracillima, striped Zebrina, zebra-striped Fragaria Indica

Fragaria Indica
Funkia oyata, violet
Fortunei, lilac flowers
Sieboldii, blue foliage
Undulata varfegata
Gypsophila Repens
Hemerocallis, Lemon Lity
Thunbergii, later sort
Dumortieri, orange
Distichia double blotched

Districhia, double, blotched Fulva, also Kwanso f. pl. Kwanso, 5 ft. high, showy Hibiscus, Crimson Eye Iris, German Blue May Queen

May Queen
Cream yellow
Rosy Queen
Florentine, White
Blue, also Purple
Mme. Chereau, blue

Iris, Pallida Dalmatica, blue Catalpa Kæmpferi Pseudo-acorus yellow, Siberica, mixed Kaempferi in variety Pumila, yellow, blue Leucanthemum California Monarda didyma, scarlet

Fistulosa Hybrida Myosotis, Palustris, blue in variety

Variety
Nepeta, Catnip
Genothera Lamarckiana
Youngii,golden; beautiful
Pansy Red, Blue, Variegated, Yellow, Black,
White, Azure, Striped,
Blabed

Bl'ched

Bl'ched
Pansy, old-fashioned Johnny-jump-up, small firs
Papaver Orientale, large
scarlet and red flowers
Pardanthus, Blackb'y Lily
Phlox, in variety
Pinks, hardy, in sorts
Platycodon, blue, white
Platycodon, double white
Platycodon, double white
Platycodon, double white

Platycodon, double white Poppy Nudicaule, mixed Oriental, dark red Princess Victoria, per. Royal Scarlet, per. Primula officinalis, yellow

Primula officinalis, yellov in variety Rudbeckia, in variety Rocket, Sweet, tall, white Tall, purple Sage, Broad-leaved Shasta Dalsy, Alaska Californica, yellow Etoile d'Anvers Solidago Canadensis Spirea in variety Sweet William in variety Svringa vulgaris

Sweet William in Variety Syringa vulgaris Tansy, fern-leaved Thyme, broad leaf English

Summer
Tricyrtus Hirta, Toad Lily
Valerian, fragrant, white
Scarlet; also Rose
Vernonia noveboracensis Prostrata, fine Wallflower, Parisian

SHRUBS and TREES.

Abelia rupestris
Æsculus, Horse Chestnut
Althea, single
Althea, double, in sorts
Joan of Arc, white, double
Pæonifora, double, illac
Ampelopsis Veitchi
Onionefolia Quinquefolia Andromeda arborea Berberis Thunbergii Vulgaris, green Bignonia, Trumpet Vine Bignonia grandiflora Capreolata, Cross vine Boxwood, Buxus, common Callicarpa Americana California Privet Calycanthus floridus

Cercis Canadensis Cornus Floridus, Dogwood, in variety

Desmodium penduliflorum Dillenii

Deutzia gracilis Candidissima, white Crenata fi. pleno, rose Lemoine, double white Pride of Rochester Euonymus Americana

Fagus ferrug., Beech Forsythia Suspensa (Sieb) Viridissima

Glycine Frutes., Wistaria Honeysuckle, Hall's hardy Reticulata aurea

Horse Chestnut Horse Onestnut
Hy dr a ng es arborescens
sterilis, summer-bloom.
Panioulata grandiflora.
autum-blooming.
Jamine nudiflorum
Ligustrum Amoor river

Ciliatum
Ovalifolium, Cal. Privet
Golden-leaved
Ibotum, free-blooming
Lilac, white, also purple
Josikga

Lilac, white, also purple Josikas Liriodendron, Tulip tree Lonleers Morrowil Bush Honeysuckle Magnolis, Queumber Tree McGlura, Osage Orange Mulberry, black Rubra, red; also Russian Philadelphus grandiflorus Coronarius, Mock Orange Pricel Berry, evergreen Pussy Willow Pyrus baccata, Berried Grab Rhus, Aromatica, fragrant Rosa Rubiginosa, Japan Rose Rosa Rubiginosa, Sw. Brier Rosa, Crimson Rambler Hiawatha, single, climb'g Lady (agy,double "Prairie Queen Seven Sisters, d'ble, pink Tennessee Belle, double Wichurlana, white Spirea, Anthony Waterer Billard!

Billardi
Callosa aiba
Opulifolia, white; redpods
Prunifolia, white, early
Reevesit, double white
Tomentosa, pink, white
Symphoricarpus Racemosa
Vulgaris, Indian Currant
Racemosa, Cork Elm
Viburnum Opulus
Weigela floribunda rosea
Candidissima, white
Hendersoni

Candidissima, whi Hendersoni Variegated-leaved Willow for baskets Weeping, common Wistaria magnifica Sinensis, Chinese Yucca Filamentosa

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MAY.

The Queen of all the months is May, When leaves are full on all the trees, And bracing comes the balmy breeze, While birds are singing all the day. St. Louis, Mo. Albert E. Vassar.

A FINE HYDRANGEA.

OME years ago the hardy Hydrangea paniculata was introduced as a beautiful Autumn-blooming shrub, and it proved to be all that it was recommended, being per-

fectly hardy, and making a glorious display during August and September. It came from Japan. In later years, however, the new American Hydrangea arborescens sterilis was found, and in many respects it far surpasses the Japanese sort, the flowering heads being of enormous size, and borne during summer, at a time when there are but few flowering shrubs in bloom, and the blooms are more appreciated than later in the season. This Hydrangea has been advertised as Hills of

Snow, Snowdrift, etc., but there is only one sort, and the true name is H. arborescens sterilis.

The plants grow six feet high in good soil, and stool out with age, so that many stems issue from the same root. A clump will produce a mass of huge white clusters during June, July and August, and for a showy summer-flowering hedge there is not another shrub that can compare with it, while for a large circular bed on the lawn it can hardly be surpassed.

The plants are of the easiest culture. They will thrive in sun or shade, in almost any soil, and are sure to bloom. Set them two feet apart, and in early Spring cut out to the ground three-fourths of all the stems, and cut the tops out of those remaining. Those left will bloom early, and the new shoots that issue from the roots will bloom later, but bear larger heads. May is a good month to buy and set the plants, and when setting them tread the earth firmly about the roots, mulch the soil, water well, and cut the top off till within four

or six inches of the ground. Buy and plant at least five of these fine Hydrangeas now. You will never regret the outlay.

To Get Rid of Slugs.-Take an 8 inch earthen flower pot and bore a row of holes a fourth-inch in diameter around the middle. Sink this in the troubled bed till the holes are even with the surface, then fill in a layer of potato or carrot or apple, and cover the pot with a piece of board. Examine every morning and remove and kill the pests that are found. Where the slugs appear in numbers upon



FLOWER-HEAD OF HYDRANGEA ARBORESCENS STERILIS

weeds or plants they can be killed by spreading with one-per-cent. solution of salt with water.

Prunus triloba.—If the merits of this shrub were better known it would be more popular. It grows from three to six feet high, and the slender branches become wreathes of and the stender branches become wreathes of exquisite double pink flowers not unlike those of Double Flowering Almond. The plant should be given a sandy soil and a place fully exposed to the sun. At the far north it should be protected over winter by straw or fodder. Its beauty in early spring will be a revelation to persons who see it in bloom for the first time.

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LAPARK, PENNA.

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NOTICE!

No doubt most of our readers are now familiar with the fact that Mr. Park, founder, and for so many years, owner, publisher and editor of this publication, has permanently retired from its active managership. But for the benefit of some, who possibly have not heretofore seen his, or our, announcements upon the subject, we, in this issue, again desire to mention the fact that Mr. Park's connection with the Magazine is, and will be, only that of editor and correspondent, he having turned over to us the entire management of the Magazine, Seed and Plant business.

LaPARK SEED & PLANT CO.

It has been announced repeatedly, and in many ways, that on January 1st we purchased from Mr. Park his seed, plant and bulb business, and that since that date we have been responsible for carrying on the business, financially and in every other way, excepting in so far as testing the seed received up to the beginning of the new year, and the getting up of the flower seed and bulb part of the Guide was concerned, because Mr Park very kindly attended to these to get us started right.

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During the years of war many things have been increased in price from absolute necessity. The selling price of many things has been raised simply because the manufacture or dealer saw an opportunity to make a larger profit. Such cases we believe are happily becoming rarer.

Let us tell you why it seems necessary to increase the subscription price of our Magazine. Years ago it was 25 cents. Then it was finally reduced to 10 cents. Before the war we were getting a very nice white paper at less than two cents a pound. A letter from a paper manufacturer received yesterday asks us 5% cents for a similar paper. In all fairness we have had to increase wages; a family could not live today on the same income as a few years ago.

But these are not the reasons for our increasing the subscription price of the Magazine. It is because the last Congress passed a law changing the plan of postage on publications of all sorts. In the first place the rate of postage is much greater on the advertising pages than on the reading matter. Then, the rate to be paid is governed by the part of the country in which the subscriber lives—the whole country is marked off into zones, as it is for Parcel Post. In this way the cost of sending a copy of the Magazine to a subscriber living in California, for example, is ten times as much as it is to take it to a nearby state, and ten times as much as it has been for many years in the past to California.

As a matter of fact the increase is so great that many publications have gone out of business entirely, and the rest of them have either increased their subscription or plan to do so.

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right and proper that everyone and every business should bear its part is the terriffic sacrifice the country is called upon to bear. We should feel like a slacker if we attempted to oppose a legitimate increase. But we do believe that the zone system is entirely wrong when applied to postage rates on periodicals. We believe to place a prohibitive rate of postage on publications is contrary to the very foundation principles of our Government. The enforcement of the new regulations will compel publishers to either increase their subscription rates to a point where a very large percentage of the people must be deprived of reading matter that has done more to place the United States in the forefront among the nations of the world than probably any other factor, or else we must be contented to localize our circulation in the zones near the office of publication. And of course it goes without question that just the minute our great magazines and farm papers, of which we are all so proud, are forced to become local, just that very moment will they lose their broad, educational, uplifting character and become narrow, uninteresting and of little influence. An effort is being made to persuade Congress to postpone the date when this new law is to take effect, July first, and to have a commission of experts examine into the whole proposition to devise some plan that will be fair, reasonable and helpful to all. We feel that we must keep, Park's Floral Magazine as a national publication, interesting and helpful to all lovers of flowers whether they live in Pennsylvania or in Oregon, and that the subscription price must be kept at the lowest possible figure so that it will be within reach of the greatest number. We cannot forget that there is no other floral magazine to all lovers of lowers whether they live in Pennsylvania or in Oregon, and that the subscription price must be kept at the lowest possible figure so that it will be within reach of the greatest number, we cannot forget that there is no other floral magazine on

the present rates, 10 cents a year, three years for 25 cents, six years, 50 cents.

THE PUBLISHERS.

Important Publishers' Notice

The Government has just issued an order that Greenhouses will be allowed only one-half their usual fuel supply. This means fewer varieties and fewer potting plants and higher prices after the Summer. Our suggestion to our friends is that they order the dead and applications are supplied to the supplied of the supplie tender and semi-tender plants now, as growers cannot keep up their stock with only half their usual coal. We are making fine offers this month on our front cover and on the inside cover pages.

Abrus.—The seeds of Abrus præcatorius are about the size of a Sweet Pea, but are bright scarlet in color with a black eye, and often get the name of Crab's Eye Bean. They often get the name of Crab's Eye Bean. They are beautiful, and from the fact that they are sometimes used for a rosary they are called "Prayer Beans". For beads the hole should be bored while the seeds are fresh, as they bebe bored while the seeds are fresh, as they become very hard. Care, too, should be taken,
as the "pulp" is poisonous when excavated
while fresh. The plant is leguminous, and
somewhat tardy in germination. It is also
called Weather Plant, from the claim that the
foliage indicates the future condition of the
weather by its actions. The plant grows freely in western Florida, where it is a true perennial.

shrub is mostly known as Althea. The flowers are Hollyhock-like, from white to crimson, and borne in Autumn. It grows from six to ten feet high, branches, and is fine for a hedge, or for single specimens. It is propagated from either seeds or auttimes either seeds or cuttings.

KAKEMONO.

The breathe of spring Is on the hills,

And plum-groves ring
With crystal rills.

What tremors sweet Come down the way. Where swallows greet The rising day!

Baltimore, Md.

William Thompson.

THE DOUBLE ENGLISH DAISY.

HE Doble English Daisy, Bellis perennial, is one of our best winter-bloomers here in South Carolina. One frequently sees lovely beds of the plants in full bloom in December, and from then on until June, when the hot, dry weather kills them. They are simply exquisite. A bed of them will show single, semi-double and double flowers of white tipped with red. All are lovely, and so lasting, as cut flowers. In a room heated by an open wood fire I have had them remain fresh for almost a month. The prettiest way



to arrange them is in a rather deep bowl filled with Asparagus or Parsley for a background. Put the red and pink flowers around the edge, and fill the center with white ones.

The seeds germinate in less than a week, and the plants grow rapidly and are soon ready for transplanting. Sow them in a box and do not put in the flower-bed until they have about five leaves. They transplant well, and require plenty of water and good, rich, well-drained soil with an exposure to full sunshine to secure the best results.

The foliage is low and compact, makes a pretty green rosette six inches or more in diameter, and one plant will show as many as a dozen flowers at one time. The flowers grow on single stems about six inches high, and close at night, the same flower opening every day for many days in succession.

They are fine for borders, and should be set six inches apart, but a whole bed of them is far prettier than a border. The blooms should

be picked when they begin to shatter, for if allowed to mature seed the plant suffers and finally dies.

They do fairly well as pot flowers, but do not thrive nor bloom like they do in the open, as a green louse always attacks them when grown indoors. Mrs. Julian J. Matheson

Bennettsville, S. C.
[Note.—In the New York Parks the English Double Daisy is effectively used with Pansies for Springblooming beds. They are especially adapted for an edging to a Pansy bed on account of the low dense tufts of foliage, from which the flowers issue. For this dual arrangement the Daisies should be started from seeds in May, and the Pansies in August. The plants will then all bloom freely at the same time early in Spring.—Ed.]

About Vines .- Among the most tactable and useful of ornamental plants are the climbing and drooping vines. They cover and beautify unsightly buildings, fences and rocks: they afford delightful shade when trained over a summer-house or pergola; they give grace and beauty to the pillars of the veranda, and provide a handsome screen for a porch or window. Be sure to add some to your collection this season. You will be pleased with them. Plymouth, Mich. Mrs. Reuben Barnes.

Hollyhocks. - Hollyhocks are among the most beautiful and easily raised of all perennial flowers. Seeds may be sown in either Spring or Fall at the north. If sown in Fall, they will almost always bloom the following summer, and if started early enough in the house or hot-bed they may bloom the first season. The single ones are the most persistent bloomers, and are preferred by many to the double ones. By all means try the Fig-leaved kind.

Lora I. Pugh.

Trilla, Ill.

Spirea Arguta.-This Spirea is much like Spirea Van Houtte, but blooms some days earlier. The flower stems are not so long as those of Van Houtte, but owing to the earliness the foliage is not so much advanced, and this makes the flowers even more prominent. Both kinds grow with equal freedom in my garden, but the new kind does not make so large a shrub. Chas. G. Babcock.

Westport, Mass.

Ricinus. - For a hedge for hiding unsightly buildings and fences try Ricinus. I find them as easily grown as corn. Give them rich soil and they need little cultivation. I used them last year as a background for my flower gardens, and they made a fine show. The tall varieties grow to a height of ten feet and have leaves four or five feet in diameter. Mattie Anthony. Preston, Va.

Cosmos. - The early-flowering Cosmos plants are readily grown from seeds, and come into bloom early enough to bear an abundance of ripe seeds. They bloom until cut down by frost. The colors are white, rose and crimson. The plants grow three or four feet high, and bloom freely. The flowers are showy in the garden, and good for cutting. T. K. L. garden, and good for cutting.

Stanwood, Wash.

THE DIFFERENCE.

First love is a bright Rose afire. In the flame of desire;
Last love is a Lily asleep.
Where the dews come to weep.
First love is a lark on the wing.
In the sky dome to sing;
Last love is a thrush on the earth.
To build where tears have birth.
First love is glowing, bright and gay.
And truly comes not to stay;
Last love is calm, like close of day.
And truly goes not away.

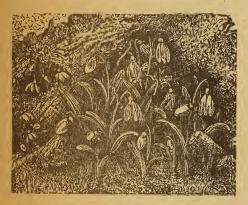
Coal Run. O

M. Charlotte Oliphant

LEGEND OF THE SNOW-DROP.

N THE beginning God first made a garden, and Adam and Eve walked therein in love and happiness: when the shades of even ing fell, God, himself, came and conversed with them. as He does even now with those who walk among the flowers. There was no shadow on their perfect joy until sin entered and then came sorrow, toil and strife. Out into a desolate world they went, where barren rocks and sandy soil grew only weeds and brambles: all the flowers were left in Eden

At first the greatness of their loss deadened their sensibilities The struggle for the bare



pecessities of life and the constant watch against the inroads of wild and ferocious animals left them little time for lamentation or to miss the beauties of the garden: but when the chill of winter settled over the land, and the tilling of the soil had to stop they had leisure to realize the results of their sin.

Adam wearied and after his labors, grieved for the hours of rest and the abundance of food which in Paradise had grown without effort and bung waiting in full perfection to be gathered. But the finer nature of the women thirsted for the things which feed the soul, and for the fragrant flowers with which she had woven garlands to twine about their dwelling. All through the days of hard, bleak frost she repined and would not be comforted, for the desolation of the earth chilled even her very heart, and as month succeeded month this first winter on earth, dread seized her that this was

the death which their sin had brought on the world, and that never again would her eyes be gladdened by flower or tree.

Out into the snow she wandered in her despair, weeping as though her heart would break; and the angel whom God had set to guard her was filled with pity. Back to heaven he sped, crying to the Lord to have mercy and send some ray of happiness to His forlorn creature, and lo! the snowflakes, as they fell before her feet, turned to tiny blossoms, little white bells, drooping even as her head drooped in sorrow, but edged with fresh clear green, the color of hope. They were the first Snowdrops, and so each year they come, even before the snow leaves the ground, lifting up their valiant wee blossoms to tell us that death, like winter, is but a sleep, and that after this sleep there comes more glorious life.

Stephens City. Va Miss Brownie Samsell.

ABOUT GLADIOLUS.

NTIL last year I never realized just how handsome and daintily colored Gladiolus could be. Early in the summer I received five bulbs from Mr Park, and of course I gave them the best care I knew how. First I set each bulb in a separate dish of luke-warm water and set them in the sun until the green leaves showed, then I set them in a row one

foot apart as fol lows: Augusta. Princepine, Baron Hulot, Pink Beauty and Halley. They grew as any good Gladiolus should. and thereby my tale The first one to bloom was Halley. I fell in love with Halley at first sight. and none of the others quite came up to it. There may be other Gladiolus as pretty as these five, but I should "have to see" before I could realize it. To return to Halley and its beauty. As Mr Park says, it is very



large, but mine was more on the delicate shell-pink with pale yellow throat and yellow shading to creamy veins on lower petals. Really it was handsome beyond the power of words to express. Those who wish to start in Gladiolus culture, and do not know just what they want will not make a mistake to include these five grand bulbs in their collection, I am sure.

Mrs. Elsinore G. Ackerman.

Meredith, N. H., Box 306

[Note.—Augusta is classed as a White Gladiolus, but a much handsomer and White Gladiolus is Lillie Lehman. It does not grow so tall, but its flowers are larger and showier, and very destrable either for a garden bed or for cutting for room decoration.—Ed.]

OSTRICH PLUME and SINGLE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

RS. WEEKS is the finest white Ostrich Plume, although it is not quite so hairy as Child of Two Worlds, White Boehmer. Louis Boehmer is the downiest of the lavenders—a wide, flat flower. Wm. Falconer is a large, globular, lavender, showing pink tints and can be grown to a good size.



Pink Ostrich Plume is the daintiest of them all, Showing finely quilled petals of a live, clear pink. Mrs. Higginbocham grows quite large, as does the King of the Plumes, being very similar in coloring and habit of growth.

The monarch of Ostrich Plumes is a splendid, large, round, yellow, showing a tinge of red and being quite hairy, though not quite as much so as Perle of Lyonnaise, which is a clear Canary yellow.

There is something very attractive about Ostrich Plumes.

Who has not seen and admired the small, hardy "munis" of our mother's and grandmother's gardens? Their bright faces still smiling after very sharp frosts, when the other plants had like the Arabs, silently faded away. I wander how many of you know and admire a new class of singles that has recently come into favor?

An exchange friend in Mississippi, sent me two plants of white, single flowers which were entirely new to me and to all my friends. One plant had blossoms having only one row of petals, and looking like the Shasta Daisy, only more graceful, as the blooms come in clusters. It was so much admired at the Spartanburg Show that it was awarded a special prize. The other, an anemone-flowered one, with two rows of petals, smaller than the above, is very attractive.

But of all the beauties, I place Mensa first, a large, white, with Lady Smith, Mrs. Wm. Buckingleaw and Golden Mensa, close seconds.

Belle of Weybridge and Caddie Mason, a pretty red, make a lively collection. stand a killing frost too, like the old-fashioned, hardy flowers.

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weeks after being cut.

So why not beautify your fall gardens with these graceful flowers. They do not require constant fertilizing, watering and pruning like the big, hothouse ones.

Mrs. Sam Lancaster. Pauline, S. C., Apr. 10, 1918.

Petunias.—I raised Petunias from seeds last summer, and never saw so many blooms or such a variety of colors and markings. They made a showy bed, and were blooming freely until after severe frost. They endure drought and hot sun, and are very satisfactory either in garden beds in summer, or pots in a sunny exposure in winter.

Mrs. J. H. Wright. posure in winter. Albo, Texas.

WITH THANKS.

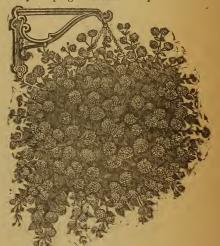
So hard to suit, is dear Louise A sense of taste she does not lack; My kisses, somehow, did not please, And so she made me take them back!

WEEPING LANTANA.

HIS Lantana was sent me in a collection of plants several reserved. of plants several years ago, and of all my large assortment of greenhouse plants, it is one of the most satisfactory. It is a rapid grower, roots easily from cuttings, and is almost never without blooms the entire year through. Sometimes it is such a mass of bloom as to appear like a huge bouquet.

This is a true weeping or trailing plant, the branches drooping gracefully, and completely hiding the pot, the flowers being a most unusual shade of rosy Lilac with a white eye, the clusters borne at the base of the leaves the entire length of the branches. Both flowers and leaves exhale a delightfully fragrant perfume

My greenhouse was so crowded last winter that my weeping Lantana was put under the



benches on the north side, but in spite of all sorts of neglect it bloomed constantly. It seemed determined to do its part whether or not I did mine.

Those who have never seen it before always think it is a Helitrope, and it does resemble that old favorite, but is far more beautiful and floriferous, and the ease with which it is grown ought to commend it to all who grow flowers.

Try this gem of the floral kingdom and be convinced, all you who are skeptical regarding its worth. Mrs. Julian J. Matheson,

Bennettsville, S. C.

[Note.—On the west coast of Florida this Lantana is entirely hardy, and is often found growing wild along the roadside. I have seen it there blooming freely in winter in a somewhat protected, sunny border, and can recommend it for a showy bed. In sections where the soil sometimes freezes, a covering of old carpet or bed spreads will be ample protection for severe weather. At the north this Lantana also blooms well in winter in a sunny window. Ed.1

NASTURTIUMS.

This morn I walked Across the hills, Along a white and dusty road, By many a dreamy farm; All fair beneath, The autumn sun.

And suddenly Add stateling Before a cottage door, I came upon a scarlet bed, Of gay Nasturtiums; Lying like a fresh red wound, Across the emerald lawn.

Why came tears then Into my eyes, Unused to weep? I saw my Mother's face.

in misty vision Called up by sight,
Of those red flowers
She loved in days
Gone far beyond
The veil of years.

New York City, N. Y. James Waldo Fawcett.

THE LASTING TREASURE

The magic seal of genius, Seen on a noble brow; The strange spell of eloquence, Before which all hearts bow— Have power to thrill the Spirit;
And make the soul a shrine,
For thoughts in which the immortal
Is linked with the Divine.

The beaming glance of beauty,
The form of faultiess grace,
The nameless charm that lingers
Around a lovely face—
May win our fond devotion,
Our worship from afar,
While shining on us coldly,
Like a calm, distant star.

But give me warm affection That lives in look and tone, A faithful loving nature Which I can call my own; For when the glow of genius. And beauty's smile depart, One treasure will be lasting— A true and trusting heart A true and trusting heart.

Mrs. Miranda Selover Moravia, N. Y.

THE WOODLAND PATH.

i know a way, a little way, A woodland path I long to find; Down its cool precincts I would stray, And leave the workday world behind.

l see its windings in and out, I close my eyes for clearer sight; It ends a moss-lined spring about, And there the Redbird wings his flight.

Its circing ways the cattle know,
Their hoof-prints mar the water's brink;
While cooling shades the branches throw,
I hear the plashings as they drink.

Here from my couch that path I see, Outside a Phœbe calls her name; The while my eyes search longingly-My woodland picture-in its frame

Fioridaville, N Y. Cora A. Matsin Dolson.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS.

The sweet tears of the nightingale we heard Last autumn in the grove of moonlight clear The white and frozen tears of that lone bird, Burst forth as cherry blossoms round us here. Baltimore, Md. William Thompson.

THOSE YELLOW ROSES.

I wander each year when the roses are blooming, Perfuming the air with a redolence mild,

Does the rosebush still bloom by the side of the farmWhere I used to live when an innocent child. [house.

The roses were golden as early June butter, And mornings they shone like a bright flaming torch. My men'ry brings back to me over and over, Those fine yellow roses that bloomed by the porch.



The honey bees sought them, their nectar was pre-and often a humming bird too stole a part, [clous, of their rare ambrosia, the gods must have fed on, That came from those roses so dear to my heart.

The roses that bloom in my garden are fragrant; I'll match them against any others that grow. Yet, somehow, I long for those old-fashioned roses, That I loved so well in the years long ago.

There is something 1 know not, I cannot define it. That lingers when pleasures have faded away; It touches a chord with unspeakable longing. Like those yellow roses that fell to decay Schenectady, N. Y. Eva Wendell Smith

A MOTHER'S SOLDIER BOY.

I cannot think he's dead,
His golden curly head,
Is ever bounding 'round my oid arm
My eyes with tears are dim, [chair.
While now I think of him,
I miss him, oh, I miss him, ev'ry where.

I walk my bedroom floor,
And thro' the open door,
I hear his footsteps coming up the
I step into the hall,
His name I try to call,
But, oh, I know my darling is not there.

1 cannot think he's dead, When looking at his bed, So long watched over with such love A tear comes to my eye, [and care; I stop, and oh, I sigh, For no my soldier boy is nowhere there

f walk the crowded street—
A lad, I chance to meet,
With just the same bright eyes and curly
And as he's passing by, [hair.
A tear drop dlms my eye,
Down in my heart—I know he is not there.

I think of all the past, Sweet joys, that could not last, Of how I often knelt beside him there. In dreams I see him now, Again my head I bow, And offer up a silent heart-felt prayer,

"Thy will be done, oh Lord,"
And oh, thy chast'ning rod,
Help me now patiently alone to bear.
And in that better land,
Let me soon hold his hand,
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CABBAGE FOR FALL AND WINTER.

SEED for late Cabbage should be sown in May. The seed bed should be away from hedges, rees, etc., or these will take up the mot ture from the surrounding grown and '.ilure will be the result. The soil should e reduced to the utmost possible finenes, but should not be made rich, as in rich ground the plants grow too quickly an consequently become weak. A soil that has been made rich for a presented t vious crop 7ould be the one best suited. Thoroughly pulverize the soil; pat the surface firmly with the back of a spade. Make drills across the bed with the edge of a one-fourth inch deep. Sow the seed thinly, so that the plants will not be crowded, and they will grow short, stocky and healthy.

Tobacco dust can be sown in the drill to prevent an attack of Black Flea, which will be the first enemy. Cover with fine soil. This covering is best put on with a the seive. Then cover with a piece of muslin, or burlaps sack, and water well. The muslin will prevent the seed being washed out when watering and help retain moisture. Water every day until the plants make their appearance. Just as soon as the first plant makes its appearance, remove the covering or the plants will be drawn

and spindly.

If the seeds have been sown too thick, and the small plants are crowded, it is best to remove some of them and transplant to another bed, three or four inches apart each way.

When setting out in the field, the plants can be lifted with a ball of dirt attached to the roots thus avoiding any check in transplanting. This should be done because when the setting of the setting out in the settin fore a rain or in the afternoon. Be sure to water each plant with about a pint of water. Then throw a little dry soil on the watered places to prevent eva-poration. Late cabbage should be planted twenty to twenty-four inches apart in the row, and two and one-half feet between the rows.

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Cho.—Soon with angels I'll be marching, With bright laurels on my brow; I have for my country fallen, Who will care for Mother now?

Let this knopsack be my pillow, And my mantle be the sky; Hasten comrades to the battle, I will like a soldier die. Soon with angels I'll be marching, With bright laurels on my brow, I have for my country fallen, Who will care for Mother now?

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Flowers the Year Round.—By a popular selection of plants for the garden and window at the North we may have flowers the year at the North we may have flowers the year round, the living-room window of Primroses and other sure-blooming plants continuing the display when all without is ice and snow. But where one is not wedded to a cold northern climate it is far better to find a home in the South, where the flowers bloom freely Summer and Winter, where the temperature is always delightful—neither hot nor cold at any time of year. It is true there are few places so blessed by Nature, but 'one of them, regarded by many residents as the best, is Dunedin, Florida. This lovely, thriving place is situated upon the west coast of Florida, on the beautiful Clearwater Bay, and as yet homes can be secured there at a moderate cost. It has a superior class of citizens, and the land is of high quality. If interested in a home among good people, where flowers and vegetables are garden products every month of the year, be sure to consider Dunedin before locating. It is on the A. C. Line, 48 hours from New York, and all fast trains stop there. This note deserves your thought and careful attention.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park: My mother has taken your Magazine for a great many years. We all enjoy it, and I like the children's letters especially. I am 15 years old and have always lived in the city, for I have never seen a farm. The Camp Lewis Army Post is just a few miles from Tacoma, and we have the beautiful Mt. Tacoma at our front door. I would like to exchange scenery net against and like to exchange scenery net against and like to exchange scenery net against and like to exchange scenery. post-cards and also letters with other girls of my age. Sarepta M. Butler.

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Gen. Gibson Says He Feels That Every Soldier Who goes to the Front Should Take Nuxated Iron

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